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## **Commissioner for Patents**

The reply filed on October 5, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to provide an adequate response to the rejection of clams 13-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28-30, and 32-34 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, set forth within paragraph 5 of the prior Office action, in that applicants' remarks are not commensurate in scope with the claims. Applicants have argued that the invention does not apply to all thermoplastic urethanes and that the claims require specific amounts of two specific polyols, two different chain extenders, and a specific relationship between cochain extender and co-polyol. However, the rejected claims are not so limited. Accordingly, the argument fails to constitute a proper response to the rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (571) 272-1079.

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